

SEPTEMBER 2020

THE MESSENGER

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Worship With Us

Sundays @ 8:45am

Attend in person
(please wear your mask)
or listen - WGCY 106.3FM

Mark Your Calendar

Our Charge Conference
will be held at 5:30pm
on Tuesday, October
27th, here at the
church.

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YOU ARE LOVED!

After around 4 months, we finally had an opportunity to hold a youth event here at GCUMC! It was an outdoor walk-through open house, but what a blessing to see our GCUMC kids again! Each student who attended received a Back to School Box which was blessed by the congregation on Sunday morning. Each box contained a Falcons Mask, You are Loved Lanyard, a Backpack Tag, and a special back to school blessing kit. We saw over 65 kids that Sunday night and they helped up make a sign that you can currently see outside the SW corner of the church building. It's a reminder to everyone that YOU ARE LOVED! This is something we all need to remember!



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Office Hours:
8:30a-3:00p
Closed Wednesday

OFF THE CUFF

REV. GARY L. FAIRCHILD



Greetings in the strong and Holy name of Jesus Christ.

Most of you know that I am about as close to being a “hometown boy” as you get. And when the news was released about my being appointed here, words can’t express the tremendous explosions of emotions that were experienced.

In the front of my Bible (which is now held together with duct-tape) is a sticker which has been in it for well over 30 years that says, VISITOR. No matter how comfortable we get, we need to remember that we are only passing through this place and time. That’s why I keep the sticker in plain view.

My objective in life is to learn how to love God, and God’s people as fully as I can. If you want to know my agenda, if you keep those two things in your mind about me, you will know what I am about.

God has blessed me with a very well-equipped toolbox, and I intend to use every tool in it so that everyone knows that our ministry is all about following Jesus Christ right here, and beyond Gibson City. You will see that when we all decide to be a part of moving the Kingdom of God forward, God allows so many new and exciting things to happen in the here and now.

Just for your information...you will see me in just about every kind of place that people go. I think Jesus’s example of ministry sets the stage for how we need to be in ministry. I am a hands-on kind of pastor, and am really looking forward to getting to know all of you and seeing what new tools you are going to share with me, as we move forward in Christ!

As you are, I too shall stay, Christ’s servant;

Gary Fairchild



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Joan Bedel	2	Lucas Clinton	14
Robert Link	3	Patrick Morris	16
Dave Littlefield	3	Sami Chase	16
Austin Rotramel	4	Karleigh Kietzman	18
Lynne Severson	5	Rick Ertel	18
Joel Hood	5	Todd Littell	19
Ashley Morris	6	Merle Jones	19
Katie Quinley	8	Fran Davis	20
Jared Clark	9	Lauren Blackford	20
Kay Bell	10	Kathy Bennett	21
Shawn Styck	10	Glenn Riddle	24
Zander Wier	10	Roger Arends	24
Roger Main	11	Melissa Jamison	25
Aleka Seneca	11	Mary Rhodes	25
Dillon Hoffman	12	Wes Leenerman	26
Tom Borton	12	Pat Goembel	27
Megan Moody	13	Kent Steinman	28
Gail Anliker	13	Doug Schultz	28
Kaitlyn Whitehouse	13	Craig Kummerow	30
Wayne Snyder	14		

	September 10	
Doug & Rhonda Eckerty		32 years
	September 12	
Ty & Kara Royal		28 years
	September 15	
Tom & Sue Briggs		57 Years
	September 20	
Ken & Bonnie Farmer		6 Years
	September 27	
Gary & Debbie McCullough		46 Years
	September 28	
Kent & Julie Steinman		24 Years
	September 29	
Patrick & Ashley Morris		7 Years



Below is a list of members who could use your extra prayers and if you are able, a card or small care package.

Nursing Homes
Heritage Manor

- Alfred Landau
- Phil Lutz
- Kay Bell
- Ruth Fisher
- Edna Goembel
- Carol Hari
- Judith Peters

GAH Annex

- Wayne Apperson
- Doug Hager
- Howard Nettleton
- Evelyn Wachstetter

Outside of Gibson City

- Fred & Janece McCullough
- Helen Dueringer

Villas of Holly Brook

- Mary Ann Hood
- Joyce Bennett
- Pat Goembel
- Ima Jean Ping
- Shirley Rosendahl
- Deonna Sauer
- Ray & Oleta Lantz
- Janet Tankersley
- Gerad & Donna Bedell

Servicemen & Women

- SSG Colton Young
- AB Cody McCoy
- PFC Glenn Mehl III (& Taylor)
- SSGT Austin Chase (& family)

Home

- Evelyn Kelley
- Marinell Jones
- Betty Leffler
- Malinda Lutz
- Shane May
- Bev Nelson
- Audrey Apperson
- Pauline Beesley
- Edith Christensen
- Carolee Cook
- Margaret Farmer
- Betty Pearson
- Wilma Reiners
- Don & Mary Rhodes
- Marlene Royal
- Shirley Shambrook
- Bill & Sarah Tubbs

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

January-July Offering	\$ 150,171.97
July 5—76	August 2—80
July 12—77	August 9—90
July 19—75	August 16—78
July 26—80	August 23—85

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Choir Director: Ruth Davis
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER?

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, September 6

Labor Day Weekend—Tools of the Trade Service

Please bring something with you to worship on Sunday that best represents what you work with on a daily basis. Items can represent your job or favorite hobby. Items will be placed on the altar prior to the start of worship Sunday morning and can return home with you at the close of worship.



Sunday, September 20

Join us Sunday morning in welcoming special musical guests, Jake & Mikayla Hault. This young couple currently lead the Contemporary Worship Service in Glenn Carbon, IL and will be serving with a new church start in Charleston, IL in October. This worship service promises to be uplifting, encouraging, and music-filled!

SEPTEMBER OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Friday, September 18

Midwest Mission Distribution Center



Our mission team will be taking a day trip to The Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee, IL, on Friday, September 18th. Since opening for ministry in 2000, Midwest Mission has been showing God's Love in practical ways through the distribution of education, health, micro-business, and disaster relief supplies meeting basic human needs around the world and around the corner. A "hands-on" mission experience is provided to those who serve at Midwest Mission which brings hope to those receiving supplies. There is a sign-up in the Narthex for those wishing to attend. There are a few new disclosures that will be needed, so if you are planning on going, please sign-up or contact Kim Fisher in order to get those forms filled out prior to volunteering. The group generally leaves around 6:00 Friday morning and should return by 5:30 that evening.

Friday & Saturday, September 25th & 26th

Gibson Area Food Pantry

Our next weekend to help with the food pantry in September 25th & 26th. Help is needed Friday evening starting at 6:30 to help with set-up. Volunteers can arrive Saturday morning starting at 8:00. Most Saturdays you can expect to be done by 11:30am.

